

Appl. No. 10/691,587  
Amdt. dated October 24, 2003  
Reply to Office Action June 29, 2006

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the mention of US patents  
5,996,579 and 5,762,063 to Coates et al. and US patent  
5,791,340 to Schleufe et al in [0004]-[0005] of the  
5 specification.

An Information Disclosure Statement listing these same  
US patent references was filed January 21, 2004, a date  
stamped receipt card has been received by the undersigned  
and the IDS is shown in the file wrapper for this  
10 application that is posted on the USPTO Public Pairs  
website. However the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt  
of the Information Disclosure Statement. Clarification of  
this omission is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been amended to correct the  
15 formatting.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 3-14 would be  
allowable if re-written in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitals of  
Claims 9 and 10 in a Markush grouping.

20 Claim 3 has been amended to be in independent form  
including the recitals of original Claim 1.

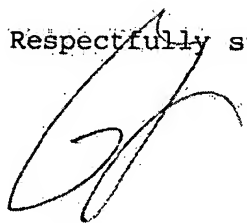
Claims 4-8 have not been amended and Claims 9-14 have  
been cancelled.

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Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's objections  
are respectfully requested.

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